

### **III. Remarks**

Reconsideration of this application in light of the above amendments and the following remarks is requested.

Claims 1-20 were originally filed in the present application. Claims 7-9, 11-15, 17, and 18 are currently canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Thus, claims 1-6, 10, 16, 19, and 20 remain pending in the present application.

The Examiner has required election of one of the following groups of previously-pending claims:

Group A:	Claims 1-6
Group B:	Claims 7-12
Group C:	Claims 13-20

However, claims 7 and 13 are currently canceled, among others. Moreover, the dependent claims in Group B and Group C are currently amended to depend from Claim 1, such that these claims now belong to Group A. Thus, of the various species alleged to exist by the Examiner, only one is currently the subject of the remaining pending claims.

Accordingly, in response to the election of species requirement set forth in the Office Action, Applicants constructively elect the species of Group A, claims 1-6. Claims 1-6, 10, 16, 19, and 20 are readable on the elected species. Moreover, because only one of the alleged species remains the subject of the currently pending claims, none of the claims are considered generic.

**IV. Conclusion**

It is believed that all matters set forth in the Office Action have been addressed. Consequently, favorable consideration and an early indication of the allowability of the claims are respectfully requested. Should the Examiner deem that an interview with Applicants' undersigned attorney would expedite consideration, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

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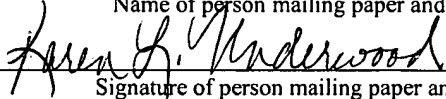
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